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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2914

INFO AMCONSUL UDORN

NAVOCEANO SUITAAND MD

LORAN MON STA GEOCEIVER STA UDORN RTAFB

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, MILI, TH

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR DOD CIVILIANS IN THAILAND

REF: STATE 89173

1. MATTER OF NAVOCEANO PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED STAY IN THAILAND COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT PERSONNEL, AFTER ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY BY COMMERCIAL AIR, TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM DIEGO GARCIA BY MILITARY AIR OUT OF UTAPAO BEFORE DEPARTING THAILAND BY COMMERCIAL AIR FOR RETURN TO CONUS. TIME SPENT IN DIEGO GARCIA IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF TOTAL TIME OF TDY ASSIGNMENT TO UDORN LORAN STATION. INASMUCH AS RTG ALLOWS THEM ONLY 30-DAY INITIAL STAY IN THAILAND (LIMIT FOR ANY NONIMMIGRANT BEARING A VISA) ON ARRIVAL AT BANGKOK AIRPORT, THEIR LEGAL PERIOD OF STAY USUALLY EXPIRES WHEN THEY ARE PHYSICALLY IN DIEGO GARCIA.

2. IN ORDER TO RESOLVE PROBLEM, EMBASSY HAS INFORMED APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS CONNECTED WITH NAVOCEANO PERSONNEL THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK PASSPORTS AND COPIES OF ORDERS MUST BE PRESENTED TO CONSULAR SECTION IN ORDER THAT APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO OBTAIN SECTION 51 STAY PERMITS. PASSPORTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO PERSONNEL WHEN REQUIRED FOR TRIP TO DIEGO GARCIA. ONCE APPLICATION HAS BEEN

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MADE FOR SECTION 51 STAY PERMITS, EVEN IF NOT GRANTED BEFORE

RETURN TO CONUS, PERSONNEL WOULD BE ABLE TO DEPART THAILAND VIA COMMERCIAL CARRIER WITH APPROPRIATE LETTER FROM CONSULAR SECTION. HOWEVER, TO BE ON SAFE SIDE, PERSONNEL SHOULD RETAIN BOARDING PASSES ISSUED BY MILITARY CARRIER IN TRIP TO AND RETURN FROM DIEGO GARCIA AS PROOF OF ABSENCE FROM THAILAND IF SUCH SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. AT PRESENT TWO NAVOCEANO PERSONNEL ARE AT UDORN AND TWO ARE IN DIEGO GARCIA. EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT FACILITATE THEIR BEING PROPERLY DOCUMENTED IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY DEPART THAILAND BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AT COMPLETION OF THEIR TDY.

4. INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 2 SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO ALL NAVOCEANO PERSONNEL PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR TDY ASSIGNMENT IN THAILAND.  
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